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DIARY NOTES

11 March 1953

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25X1A9a 1. Colonel Baird and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] representatives to discuss 25X1C4a  
5X1A2d1 an alternate site for Project [REDACTED]. Colonel Baird telephoned after the meeting  
to say that it was not a very bright picture. After three hours of discussion they  
have come up with only one possibility [REDACTED] is exploring this fur- 25X1C4a  
25X1A9a ther and will discuss it again with Colonel Baird on Monday. If it appears feasible  
from here [REDACTED] and someone from Jim Garrison's shop will probably go and  
look it over. If their report is favorable it will then probably be necessary for  
Colonel Baird and someone from this office to go out.

25X1A9a 2. Mr. Wolf, [REDACTED] Mr. Pforzheimer, and I met briefly to discuss the new 25X1A9a  
25X9A2 building. [REDACTED] space figures indicate that even with a new building for  
[REDACTED] people we would still need to retain J, K, and L Buildings in addition to the  
temporary buildings in the immediate area of the quadrangle. Since it does not ap- H  
25X9A2 pear, on hasty examination, that this much space should be necessary to house an ad-  
ditional [REDACTED] people, [REDACTED] has been requested to analyze the problem further 25X1A9a

25X1A9a Later in the day, Mr. Pforzheimer reported that Mr. Dulles had advised him  
and [REDACTED] that Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, had telephoned to inquire as  
to whether or not we wanted to proceed with the new building in view of over-all cut-  
backs. Mr. Dulles indicated to Mr. Macy that the building was a very high priority  
and that we definitely wanted to go ahead with it. Out of this discussion was re-  
newed the possibility of using some of our Fiscal Year 1953 funds which we would  
otherwise turn back in lieu of asking for construction money specifically for the 25X1A9a  
25X1A9a new building. [REDACTED] is investigating the legal aspects. In view of this, I  
instructed [REDACTED] to have a new study ready for discussion with Mr. Wolf by  
10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

25X1A5a1 3. Had lunch with [REDACTED] Both were very critical of  
25X1A5a our Personnel policies and cited several specific incidents. The first incident  
concerned the length of time it took to get [REDACTED] on duty after the Director  
had given his oral approval. (Follow-up indicated that [REDACTED] Personnel Ac- 25X1A5a  
tion was actually dated 2 March. Since he had already taken an Oath of Office as  
a Consultant there was some question as to whether he should take a new one. How-  
ever, I instructed Mr. Meloon to administer the new one today.) The second inci-  
dent had to do with a routine letter to a high official working on the Atomic Energy  
Program asking, in substance, if he would be interested in employment with this  
Agency. Admittedly, this is certainly not the way to recruit personnel of this cal-  
25X1A5aiber. [REDACTED] said that he had been instrumental in "putting out this fire."

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25X1A6a The third incident concerned a request (shrouded with great security) for people  
25X1A5a on temporary duty to [REDACTED]. After a lot of trouble and a thorough search, OSI  
came up with four people who were interested in going only to find that they were  
to do guard duty. [REDACTED] also mentioned the fact that on one occasion it had  
taken him four months to get one of his consultant fees paid.

I am going to pursue these problems and certainly agree that our people  
have not handled them well. However, I am also inclined to believe from this and  
other personal experiences which I have had with OSI that one of their real troubles  
is lack of a competent Administrative Officer in OSI itself. [REDACTED] con-25X1A5a  
ceded that this might well be responsible for a substantial part of the trouble.  
I am also going to see what I can do about getting a more competent individual for  
this job.

25X1A9a 4. Met with Mr. [REDACTED] in connection  
25X1A6a with a long list of things having to do with safety, security, and emergency planning at [REDACTED]  
meeting. [REDACTED] is making a brief Memorandum for the Record on this 25X1A9a

5. Jim Garrison has been selected to attend a two weeks' course on Strategy  
and Logistics Planning in an active duty status at the Naval War College beginning  
on 27 April 1953 and I have told him that we would approve here.

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25X1A9a 8. In a memorandum dated 10 March 1953 to the Comptroller (carbon copy to the Personnel Director) DD/A approved of the expenditure of \$177.10 by the Personnel Director, without further accounting, in connection with the case of Mr. [REDACTED] (ER-3-7862)

9. Forwarded to the Personnel Director for preparation of reply for DD/A signature a letter dated 6 March 1953 to the Director from Mr. Joseph H. Freehill, Office of Price Stabilization, requesting his cooperation and consideration in employing displaced employees. (ER-3-7830)

10. The DD/A approved of the Administrative Plan for [REDACTED] with the following reservation: "Use of the contingency fund may be too broad. It would seem that handling this contingency fund in the same way that we do for [REDACTED] i.e., expenditures from it being approved by DD/P and DD/A, might be preferable." 25X1A2g 25X1C4c

25X1A9a 11. The DD/A authorized supplementary per diem not to exceed \$10.00 per day in accordance with par. 6. 3 b (3) of the Confidential Funds Regulations for Mr. [REDACTED] Assistant General Counsel, in connection with his trip to Europe 25X1A6a